

**PATENT**

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) & 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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**INTRAVENOUS EQUIPMENT HANGERS**

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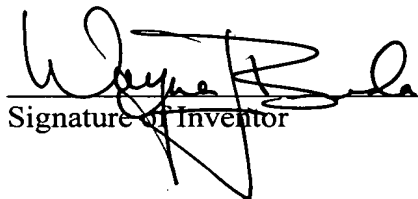
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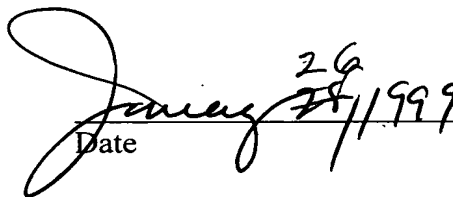
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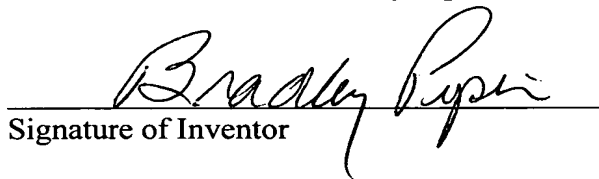
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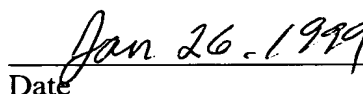
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